

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 5, 10, 11 and 12 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 5 and 10 have been amended and claims 11 and 12 have been added. Minor changes have also been made to the specification for grammatical and general readability purposes. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note that claims 5, 10, 11 and 12 in the present application correspond to allowed claims that have been canceled from parent Application No. 09/582,675 ("the '675 application"). In particular, in the '675 application, claims 5, 10, 15 and 20 were canceled in an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 filed on June 18, 2004.

The correspondence between the claims in the present application and the canceled claims in the '675 application is as follows: amended claim 5 is identical to claim 5 of the '675 application rewritten in independent form; amended claim 10 is identical to claim 10 of the '675 application rewritten in independent form; new claim 11 is identical to claim 15 of the '675 application rewritten in independent form; and new claim 12 is identical to claim 20 of the '675 application rewritten in independent form.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 5, 10, 11 and 12 of the present application are in immediate condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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